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Security Council

10:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Programme of work Other matters	Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of March 2013 (Russian Federation) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on *Monday, 4 March 2013*, at 11:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month, on *Monday, 4 March 2013*, at 12:30, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast. [webcast]

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Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters

A Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters, organized by Secretary-General and the Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation (UNSGAB), will take place on Wednesday, 6 March 2013, from 09:30 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). To consult the concept note and the draft agenda, please *click here*. For further information, please contact Mr. Seiji Ito, UNSGAB (e-mail itos@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8590).

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 — 23rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3 (NLB)

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/67/L.21*)

   General discussion

2. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 111]

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/67/101/Add.1)

3. Joint Inspection Unit (A/67/34 and A/67/724) [item 136]

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 [item 130]

   Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/67/356, A/67/636 and A/67/695)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1] to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Informal briefings:

Capital master plan (by Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary-General for Management, and Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Assistant Secretary-General/Executive Director, Capital Master Plan); and

Umoja/Enterprise resource planning (by Mr. Yukio Takasu, Under-Secretary-General for Management, and Mr. Ernesto Baca, Assistant Secretary-General, Umoja/ERP)

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on agenda item 136 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/67/34 and A/67/724))

[1]To be be held following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
2. Executive meeting

International Civil Service Commission
Seventy-sixth session

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Other business [item 10]

Implications of the enlargement of the European Union on the operation of the mobility and hardship scheme and on the post adjustment system (Croatia)

Special measures for education grant

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-seventh session

10:00 to 13:00 1st meeting [webcast] General Assembly Hall

Opening of the session

Address by the Vice-President (Albania) of the Economic and Social Council

Address by the Deputy Secretary-General

1. Election of officers [item 1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.6/2013/1 and E/CN.6/2013/1/Add.1) [item 2]
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [items 3 (a) to (c)]

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Introductory statements by:

Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Special Rapporteur on violence against women

General discussion

15:00 to 18:00 2nd meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB) and Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: Priority theme: elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls (E/CN.6/2013/5) [item 3 (a) (i)]

Parallel high-level round tables on the priority theme: "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls"

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the following website: www.unwomen.org/csw/csw57. To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Otto Gustafik, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org and gustafik@un.org; room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted at: www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/NGO.html. As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-seventh session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.]

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
2013 substantive session

Working Group of the Whole

The meetings of the Working Group of the Whole of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, scheduled for *Monday, 4 March 2013*, have been postponed to a later date, to be announced in the *Journal*.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-first session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on *Monday, 4 March 2013*, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Monday, 4 March 2013

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Other activities

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Monday, 4 March 2013

Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Overcoming human trafficking challenges" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

[redacted]

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 4 March 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12:30	His Excellency Vitaly Churkin (Russian Federation), President of the Security Council for the month of March (on the programme of work of the Council for the month)
14:00	Ms. Michelle Bachelet, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (on the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4–15 March))

[redacted]

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f), (g) and (h), 112 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 5 March 2013, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

General Assembly

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

The Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will be held from Monday, 18, to Thursday, 28 March 2013, at United Nations Headquarters, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/234 of 24 December 2012 (A/RES/67/234).

The Final Conference will be assisted by a Bureau/General Committee comprising two Vice-Presidents from the regional group of the President of the Final Conference (Western European and other States) and three Vice-Presidents from each of the other regional groups. The Secretariat of the United Nations would be grateful if the regional groups which have not done so would communicate the names of their candidates for the Bureau/General Committee to Mr. Kenji Nakano, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (c/o leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*.

Delegations are also kindly requested to submit the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers to delegations *by hand* to Mr. Stadler Trengove or Ms. Tomoko Iwata (Office of Legal Affairs, room S-3604), *by Monday, 11 March 2013*. Delegations wishing to send advance copies of their credentials should do so by fax (1 (212) 963-6430) or by e-mail (trengove@un.org and iwata@un.org). In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedures (A/CONF.217/L.1), the credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

For further information on the Conference, delegations are invited to visit the website of the Conference at the following address: www.un.org/disarmament/ATT.

Disarmament Commission

2013 substantive session

The 2013 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 1, to Friday, 19 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 17 May 2013*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing

The Chair of the Commission on Population and Development, Mr. Vlad Lupan (Moldova), will hold an informal briefing on the programme of work of the forty-sixth session of the Commission on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-sixth session

The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 April 2013. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2013/1 and E/CN.9/2013/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations, convened by His Excellency Cornel Feruta (Romania), Chair-designate of the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, will take place with representatives of the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as indicated below.

Thursday, 7 March 2013, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room E (NLB): with the Group of Non-Aligned States parties;

Thursday, 7 March 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room E (NLB): with the Group of Western European and other States parties; and

Friday, 8 March 2013, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room E (NLB): with the Group of Eastern European States parties.

The consultations are open to all States parties. For further information, please contact Ms. Narcisa Vladulescu, Permanent Mission of Romania (e-mail narcisa.vladulescu@romaniaun.org; tel. 1 (212) 682-3273); or Mr. Michael Spies, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail spiesm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3472).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing for Member States on "The global thematic consultation on education in the post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Senegal)

Tuesday, 5 March 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, at the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union (305 East 47th Street, 5th Floor).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Mark Purvis, Permanent Mission of Canada (e-mail mark.purvis@international.gc.ca).]

Panel discussion on "Perspectives on governance" (organized by the United Nations Academic Impact, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information) (to coincide with the release of *The Governance Report 2013* by the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin)

Tuesday, 5 March 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Linan Pan, UNAI (e-mail academicimpact@un.org).]

Dialogue on "The human rights situation in Western Sahara" (organized by the Permanent Mission of South Africa, in partnership with the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights)

Tuesday, 5 March 2013, from 18:30 to 21:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Almaria, Permanent Mission of South Africa (e-mail almariaj@dirco.gov.za; tel. 1 (212) 692-2479).]

Dialogue on "Challenges for sustainable development and international cooperation in middle-income countries: The role of Networks for Prosperity" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO))

Wednesday, 6 March 2013, from 09:30 to 13:00, in the Delegates' Dining Room.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Patricia Díaz, UNIDO (e-mail (e-mail diazp@un.org).]

Dialogue on "Turning commitments to realities: Perspectives on the post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria and the Center on International Cooperation (CIC), New York University (NYU))

Wednesday, 6 March 2013, from 13:00 to 14:45, at the Nigeria House (828 Second Avenue).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please send an e-mail to cic.rsvp@nyu.edu. For further information, please contact, Mr. Emmanuel Oguntuyi, Permanent Mission of Nigeria (e-mail darexajik2005@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (646) 270-9737); or Ms. Vanessa Wyeth, CIC, NYU (e-mail vanessa.wyeth@nyu.edu; tel. 1 (917) 873-0335).]

Briefing on "Preventing the abuse of the non-profit sector for the purposes of terrorist financing" (organized by the Counter-terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) within the framework of the activities of the Working Group on Tackling the Financing of Terrorism of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, in association with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Charities Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency and the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation)

Thursday, 7 March 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For participants wishing to speak at the event or for further information, please contact Mr. Fabrizio Trezza, CTITF (e-mail trezza@un.org); or *click here.*]

TICAD special seminar on "Transformation for quality growth in Africa — Mutual learning for inclusiveness" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the African Union, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Friday, 8 March 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00, at the Ambassadors River View, United Nations Headquarters.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations agencies and accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please contact Mr. Robert Hewitt, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail robert.hewitt@dn.mofa.go.jp).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Women's Day (8 March)

Panel discussion on "Implicit stereotypes, explicit solutions: Overcoming gender-based discrimination in the workplace" (co-organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Permanent Mission of Australia)

Friday, 8 March 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Janaki Murthy, UN-Women (e-mail janaki.murthy@unwomen.org).]

Workshop on "Effective negotiation in multilateral conferences" (organized by the UNITAR New York Office)

Monday, 11, and Tuesday, 12 March 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia (313 East 43rd Street).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session
Istanbul, Turkey

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its tenth session from Monday, 8, to Friday, 19 April 2013, at the Lüfti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center (LKCC), in Istanbul, Turkey. The session will open on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/1/Rev.1.

Ministerial segment

The session will include a ministerial segment, which will be held on Monday, 8 April, from 15:00 to 19:00, and on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 12:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30. A list of speakers will be established for statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegations. Delegations are requested to inscribe, as soon as possible, *but no later than Monday, 11 March*, the names of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations who wish to make a statement during the high-level ministerial segment, by sending an e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). The time limits for statements are *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States.

Ministerial round tables

There will be two parallel round tables on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 9:00 to 10:30, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests and economic development; and

Round table 2: International arrangements on forests, the Rio+20 outcome and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

Immediately following the conclusion of the round tables, the Forum will convene in plenary, from 10:30 to 12:00, for a high-level interactive dialogue with the Heads of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests member organizations.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, as soon as possible, *but no later than Monday, 11 March*, their preference for the participation of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations in one of the above-mentioned round tables, by e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for interventions will be given to participants who have been inscribed before the deadline. The time limit for interventions is *three minutes*.

Documentation

For documentation and further information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/.

List of participants

Delegations are requested to communicate, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegations for inclusion in the list of participants to the Secretary of the Forum (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-1282)), and to the Protocol and Liaison Service for accreditation purposes (fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Registration

For information on registration of participants, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/session-access.

Major groups

Major groups organizations that are accredited with the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development are encouraged to attend the session. Information on participation is available at www.un.org/esa/forests/participation. Online registration is available at http://esango.un.org/irenc/. Attention is drawn to the fact that the deadline for registration is *Monday, 25 March 2013*.

Side events

For information on side events, please *click here*.

Travel and accommodation arrangements

Delegations wishing to attend the session are requested to contact directly, as soon as possible, the nearest Turkish consulate or embassy for information on visa and customs regulations. Delegations are also requested to make arrangements for accommodations through the host country's hotel bookings website at http://dekon.com.tr/unff10/en/. Special rates will be available for reservations made on or before *Friday, 8 March 2013*.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 22 April, to Friday, 3 May 2013, in the Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be open on Tuesday, 2 April, at 10:00. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

States parties are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*, indicating the composition of their delegations to the session. The information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Room S-3132, United Nations, New York, NY 10017). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) by e-mail to Ms. Bertha Ortiz (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*.

Participants are requested to complete and send the registration form online (*click here*) or, alternatively, to complete the registration form annexed to Information Note (annex I), which may be photocopied, and return it, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April 2013*, to Ms. Junko Hirakawa, preferably by e-mail (hirakawa@un.org).

Further information for participants, including the submission of pre-session documentation, is contained in the Information Note, and is also available on the website of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013*.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course website at the following address: www.un.org/law/rcil/asia; or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents

Tuesday, 5 March 2013 *(in English)* (from 10:00 to 12:00);

Wednesday, 20 March 2013 *(in French)* (from 14:00 to 16:00); and

Thursday, 28 March 2013 *(in Spanish)* (from 10:00 to 12:00).

Overview of the Legal Library (from 15:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Tuesday, 12 March 2013.

Searching the Official Document System (ODS) (from 10:00 to 12:30)

Wednesday, 13 March 2013.

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 14 March 2013.

United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBISnet) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 26 March 2013.

Introduction to e-Books (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Wednesday, 27 March 2013.

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The Regional Courses in International Law provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The Regional Courses provide an important mechanism for expanding the international law training opportunities available to young lawyers from developing countries under the Programme of Assistance given the limited number of participants which can be accommodated in the International Law Fellowship Programme. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law of common concern in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

As the Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course for Africa, which will take place from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 April 2013 in Ethiopia. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here* for general information);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information); and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308)). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Friday, 1 March 2013

Economic and Social Council

Statistical Commission
Forty-fourth session

6th meeting

Items for information [items 4 (a) to (p)]

The Commission continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Morocco, Japan, the Czech Republic and Mongolia, as well as by the observers for Turkmenistan, Angola, Senegal and New Zealand.

The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch, Statistics Division, Department for Economic and Social Affairs, made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representative of the Dominican Republic and by the observers for South Africa, Afghanistan and the Philippines.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the European Union and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The representative of Angola made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of the information documents E/CN.3/2013/15, E/CN.3/2013/16, E/CN.3/2013/17, E/CN.3/2013/18, E/CN.3/2013/19, E/CN.3/2013/20, E/CN.3/2013/21, E/CN.3/2013/22, E/CN.3/2013/23, E/CN.3/2013/24, E/CN.3/2013/25, E/CN.3/2013/26, E/CN.3/2013/27, E/CN.3/2013/28, E/CN.3/2013/29, E/CN.3/2013/30 and E/CN.3/2013/31, and thus concluded its consideration of item 4.

The representative of the International Statistical Institute made an announcement, on behalf of the Hong Kong World Statistics Congress.

Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fifth session of the Commission [item 6]

The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch introduced the provisional agenda for the forty-fifth session of the Commission, contained in document E/CN.3/2013/L.2, and a note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2013-2016 (E/CN.3/2013/32).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Italy and Australia, as well as by the observer for South Africa.

A statement was also made by the representative for the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

The Commission approved the draft provisional agenda for its forty-fifth session, as outlined in document E/CN.3/2013/L.2, and its multi-year programme of work, as contained in document E/CN.3/2013/32.

The Commission decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that its forty-fifth session be held from 4 to 7 March 2014.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division) [item 5]

The Commission began its consideration of the item and heard an oral report by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The Commission took note of the proposed programme of work of the United Nations Statistics Division for the biennium 2014-2015, as presented in the oral report by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs.

The Commission also approved changes made to the programme of work of the Statistics Division for 2012-2013 and authorized the Bureau to approve any further changes made to the programme, as necessary.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Report of the Commission on its forty-fourth session [item 7]

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Commission, contained in document E/CN.3/2013/L.3, and the informal paper, which was circulated.

The Chief of the Statistical Services Branch made a statement.

Statements on the text of the informal paper were made by the representatives of Colombia, Italy, the United States, Australia, the United Republic of Tanzania and the Dominican Republic, as well as by the observers for Chile, New Zealand, South Africa, France, the Bahamas, Mexico, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia and Uganda.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission then adopted its draft report on the session, as contained in document E/CN.3/2013/L.3, and the accompanying text, as orally amended during the discussion, together with the draft decisions contained in the informal paper. The Commission also agreed to entrust the Rapporteur with finalizing the report.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of item 7.

Closure of the session

The Chair made a closing statement.

The Chair declared closed the forty-fourth session of the Statistical Commission.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Accession: Cambodia (1 March 2013)

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Chad
His Excellency Ahmad Allam-mi

Asian States:
Qatar
His Excellency Sheikh Meshal Hamad M.J. Al-Thani

Eastern European States:
Republic of Moldova
His Excellency Vladimir Lupan

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Lucia
Her Excellency Menissa Rambally

Western European and other States:
Finland
His Excellency Jarmo Viinanen

Security Council

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

A/AC.121/2013/INF/3 Item 4 — Organization of work — Members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations — Note by the Secretariat [E (only)] — *6 pages*

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